## AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3524 OFFERED BY M\_. PLUGEN

Add at the end of title VI the following:

1	SEC. 6 UNITED STATES EFFORTS TO COMBAT ENERGY
2	POVERTY.
3	(a) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Con-
4	gress that—
5	(1) as lesser developed countries seek to grow
6	their economies and combat energy poverty, increas-
7	ing widespread energy access is more critical to the
8	interests of the United States and its partners than
9	predetermining what energy sources are acceptable
10	for lesser developed nations to utilize;
11	(2) the United States should provide support
12	and assistance for development of any energy project
13	that will prove sustainable and economically viable
14	for lesser developed countries and United States as-
15	sistance programs; and
16	(3) the United States should refrain from plac-
17	ing limitations on what types of energy projects may
18	receive United States assistance on any United
19	States Government entity providing foreign assist-

1	ance for energy projects, and instead prioritize in-
2	creasing energy access through any source or project
3	that will represent a responsible use of taxpayer dol-
4	lars.
5	(b) Prohibition on United States Assistance
6	CONTRIBUTING TO ENERGY POVERTY.—The Department
7	of State, Agency for International Development, Inter-
8	national Development Finance Corporation, and any other
9	related Federal agency are prohibited from taking any ac-
10	tion to prolong or contribute to the impacts of energy pov-
11	erty on lesser developed countries, including by—
12	(1) placing limitations or restrictions regarding
13	energy sources or carbon emissions of any kind on
14	the provision of assistance for energy projects or de-
15	velopment; or
16	(2) seeking to influence the energy development
17	goals of lesser developed countries to promote the
18	use or development of green or renewable energy
19	sources in place of fossil energy projects.

